



Cats at home earlier in the season. Raymond Burner photo

Cats rise to NJCAA nationals

By Ryan Minnigh
Sports Editor

The Catamounts found themselves on a grand stage last week, playing once again in the NJCAA National Basketball Tournament.

It has been nearly 40 years since the men last reached the tournament, but the 2013-2014 season proved to be special.

Potomac State's run started in the Region XX

Tournament championship game.

Despite facing the top-seeded Howard Dragons, the fourth-seeded Catamounts never backed down from the Dragons' fire.

The Cats knocked off the top-seeded Dragons 74-69, led by Reggie Baker who was named tournament MVP. The Potomac State men packed their bags and headed for Danville, Ill. and the NJCAA National

Basketball Tournament.

Entering the tournament with a 20-8 record, the Catamounts found themselves facing Wake Tech, who hails from Raleigh, NC.

A close match all the way through, Potomac State led Wake Tech through most of the second half. However, a late run by Tech helped them get the better of the Catamounts, 93-88.

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Les Misérables continues in Church-McKee auditorium

By Nick Cummings
Staff Writer

Spring is here and that means the curtains at Church-McKee Arts Center are opening up to its annual spring production. This year Les Misérables (Les Mis) has come to life

on Potomac State's stage. The second week of performances open tomorrow night at 7.

Les Mis is free for PSC students with ID and \$15 for adults at the door.

Every March, Potomac State opens up its audi-

torium to give the public a breathtaking theatrical production. They have been doing so since for many years with some of their biggest hits being Cats, The Wizard of Oz, and Beauty and The Beast.

The cast has been preparing for this production since it was announced last year at the end of their production of McNeil's Rangers. McNeil's score was written by Potomac State's own Dr. John Hawkins, who picked Les Mis for this year, but passed away shortly after the close of the McNeil's.

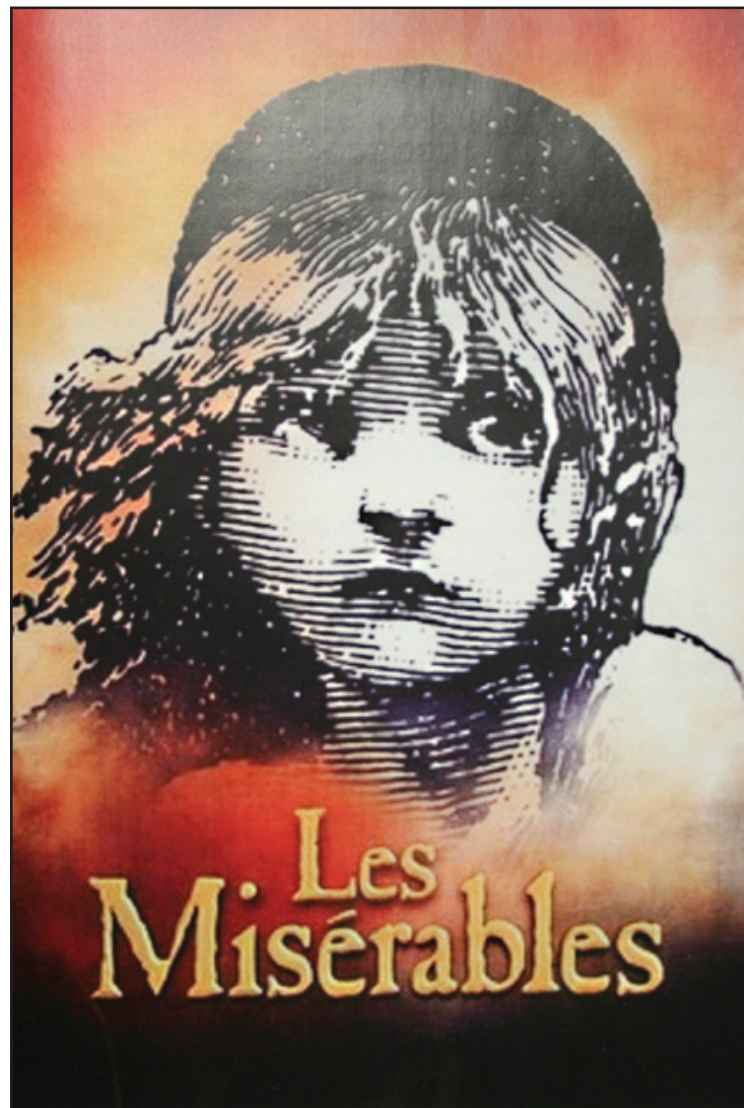
The crew decided to respect Doc's wish and go through with Les Mis.

"I don't really think he is gone at all," says director and producer Tom Valentine. "He is still directing and guiding us and we think about him every day."

Valentine has been directing the spring musicals at Potomac State since 1997, and also works in various community theatre groups around the area.

His connection to the new musical director, Brian Plitnick, and vocal director, Craig Schultz, goes way back 20-30 years, even though this is their first year as musical directors.

This year's show has



a cast of about 40 people young and old, a live 10-piece orchestra, and a 28-member crew.

The time and effort that goes into these productions is often overlooked, but Valentine ensures that "it will be a smooth transition from rehearsal to opening."

Many members of the cast include veterans from previous Potomac State productions and several new faces. They come from all over the surrounding areas and right here in Keyser.

The two main rivals in this French Revolution based musical are played by Jordan Kline (Jean Valjean) and Kevin Shreve (Javert).

Other leading roles in-

cluded are Cossette, played by Angela Merrithew and Marius, played by Alex McDonald.

The choreographer for the show is Kimberli Rowley. The set and lightening designers are David Miller and Kathy Ludwick, both on staff at the college.

Ken Nolan and Josh Nolan provided sound design. Jill Baldinger is the scenic artist.

Rod Horning is the stage manager. Marianne Schutz is rehearsal accompanist.

Tickets for Potomac State students are free at the door with a PSC ID and \$15 for adults at the door.

The show runs Thursday through Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 2 p.m., beginning tomorrow night and through this weekend.



CAT NEWS

Pre-registration begins
Pre-registration for Potomac State summer and fall 2014 class began this week. Current students will need a PIN from their faculty advisers in order to register through MIX/STAR. Two-year advisements sheets for all majors are available on the college website under Academics/Major Programs.

WVU transfer April 2 in Davis

A WVU orientation/registration event for PSC change of campus students heading to Morgantown for fall 2014 is scheduled for Wednesday, April 2, from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Davis Conference Center. Students must be already admitted to WVU before registering for classes at this event.

"Is God a Woman?" tomorrow

In recognition of Women's History Month, the Social Justice Council of PSC is bringing Leontyne Clay Peck to campus to present, "Is God a Woman? Dynamics of Race, Gender, Class, in a Complex Society," Thursday, March 27, at 6:30 p.m., in Academy Hall, Room 210. Peck is an educator with more than 30 years of experience presenting African American cultural programs. All faculty, staff and students are invited. Light refreshments will be served.

Students from Campus Ministry volunteer to build over spring break



Above are all of the students who attended this trip



One work group huddles by the Bay.



Ashley Walker, Michael Corley, Thomas Royce, Josh Myers

By Luke McKenzie
Editor

Over spring break some students decided to lace up their work boots and go to work for a good cause.

From March 9-14, eight Potomac State students, three Potomac state staff members, one alumni and two community members travelled to Crisfield, Maryland, to help Hurricane Sandy victims get back into their homes. The students who went were Tiffany Sine, Jeremy Gahr, Casey Kidder, Josh Myers, Sabrina Vanmeter, Ashley Walker, Thomas Royce and Michael Corley.

President of Campus and Community Ministry, the club that did this project,

Tiffany Sine says that the trip was a very rewarding experience.

Sine says that while they were down there they worked on a couple different houses; they put steps on a disabled couple's house; they laid flooring and fixed roofs.

The students who went on this trip are members of the Campus and Community Ministry and had to pay \$50 to attend.

One student who attended said that the area was still depressed from Hurricane Sandy.

Crisfield is located in Southern Maryland, along the Chesapeake Bay. The town is billed as "The Crab Capital of the World."

CAMPUS NEWS

STEMfest brings young minds to campus



PSC held the second STEM Festival (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Saturday. Its mission is to re-invigorate youth interest in different STEM fields. PSC math professor and co-chairman of the Mineral STEM Network, Gary Seldomridge, called this year's turn out, "Fantastic." Seldomridge said 700 programs "went in no time." The weather was perfect for outdoor demonstrations. Students learned through HAM radios, live reptiles, robots, and more.



Art show and discussion in library April 10

By Jeff Williams
Campus News Editor

On Thursday, April 10, at 6:30 p.m., at the Mary F. Shipper Library, there will be an art show hosted by Po-

tomac State College sociology instructor Dr. Anthony Lack.

Lack teaches sociology, philosophy and anthropology. The discussion will

include such topics as interpreting and perceiving reality.

Light refreshments will be served along with bottled water. There will be a slide show, some music, and a discussion.

Also included in the evening will be visual presentation of key works in modern art, including the works of the impressionists, cubists, surrealists and Dadaists.

The program will last about one hour.

Student and faculty contributions to the art show should come in earlier that week.

This is the second event hosted by the library this year. The evening event should be enjoyable and educational so grab a friend and come out to an art show, said David Miller from the library staff.

Adult students will be asked about needs

By Nick Burton
Campus News Editor

Within the next few weeks Potomac State College will be administering a survey for all currently enrolled individuals of adult and veteran status.

The purpose of the survey is for the PSC administration to understand issues on campus for non-traditional students and to access their quality of learning.

The survey will be distributed electronically through MIX email. It will have 25 questions and a space for

comments, suggestions, and questions.

Adult students Aaron Agnew and Lauri Neely suggested the survey.

Agnew expressed many things he would like to see change on campus including one he was most enthusiastic about: daycare on campus. Free or not, "Lots of adult students could benefit from something like that," Agnew said.

If you would like to make suggestions advocating for adult students and those of veteran status feel free to stop by Room 108 in the Administration Building.

Missed classes have a “snowball effect”

By Jen Battle, Feature Editor

Spring semester weather has been brutal. It's been cold, it's been icy, and we've seen snowstorm after snowstorm. The biggest academic challenge this presents is class cancellations, causing many teachers and students to quickly adjust.

Matt Adams, visiting English instructor, teaches classes at Frankfurt High School in addition to his classes here. His classes at the high school have met nine times out of the 22 classes they were expected to have. He has had to revamp the class syllabus, as well as eliminating half of the semester's work from the curriculum.

Not only does this mean that some work will not get done, it also “kills the momentum and the atmosphere you try to create,” says Adams. Although he has missed quite a few classes at Frankfurt, his earliest class here at PSC starts at 10:45 a.m., and was therefore not affected as much.

Dr. Jay Badenhop's chemistry classes have also been seriously affected by the cancellations and delays. Most of the students taking these classes need them in order to pass entrance exams into medical school, and there is one section that is two weeks behind.

In order to adjust to the missed time, Dr. Badenhop has put some assignments on eCampus, as well as offering optional review sessions for students. He has also provided handouts of his lecture notes in order to help class progress faster, though he would prefer that students take notes for themselves. The only class of his that has not been affected is his online astronomy class.

Eric Slivoskey, instructor in physical education, has found it challenging to make adjustments to the syllabi for his MWF classes. He has had to combine assignments, and has had no time for students to do oral presentations.

Despite losing time, Slivoskey has been careful not to rush his teaching speed. He has had to “resist the temptation” to move faster through the lessons out of concern that the students will not be able to grasp the material.

Slivoskey says that there have even been days when classes were in session, but commuter students couldn't make it because of weather conditions. The weather is “something that we can't control,” says Slivoskey. “All we can do is adjust and stay positive.”



Parking jammed on campus

By Travis Ferrell
Campus News Editor

The parking situation at PSC has been “pretty terrible,” says freshman Cassy Kidwell. She goes on to say that there is “not enough space” and that she “can't find a parking spot before any of my classes.”

Cassy goes on to say that “even Campus Drive will be packed with people waiting on spots” and “it is not worth the \$40 when you end up having to park so far away.”

Amanda Alger, a sophomore and resident here at PSC, had this to say about parking. “Sometimes it is very hard to find a parking spot, especially with the weather.” She also says, “The only thing I have a problem with is when they make all of us move our cars to Church-McKee for plowing purposes.”

Commuter Emily Bernard, a junior, said, “The only issue I have is with the cost of parking. When I went to Fairmont we only had to pay \$5. Parking wasn't any better, but it was only \$5.”

Beth Stevenson, a sophomore at PSC, when asked about parking at PSC said “It sucks.” Beth also said, “There are lots of non-traditional students enrolled at PSC



Campus Drive fills early. Photo by Travis Ferrell

that add to the problem.” She said “even at eight in the morning it is impossible to find a spot.”

She takes notice of the faculty parking and says “look at all of these empty spots”, stating some could be used to ease the strain on the commuter parking. She had a solution to the problem. “Each spot should be sold.” So this way, the college cannot sell more passes than they have the accommodations for, she said.

Fellow commuter Amanda Hottle said, “It's bad.” She went on to comment that the winter snow removal was not done well. Her biggest concern was lack of enforcement of people “who park so badly that they take two spots.”

When Joclyn Kidwell was asked about parking she simply said, “If we pay \$40, we should have a spot.”

PSC Police Chief Brian Kerling agreed that spaces on the main campus are

not easy to find empty. He is aware of the congestion and points out “there are always spots by Church-McKee.”

He does realize Church-McKee parking is a walk from the main campus and cites that as the reason why those spots are available.

Kerling said neither he nor his officers are in control of the parking on Keyser streets, which is handled by the city.

Campus parking enforcement is handled by Officer Burdock who writes, Kerling estimates, seven to eight hundred tickets a semester.

Kerling says if you see someone violating parking rules, report the situation to campus police. This would be more productive, said Kerling, than just complaining about student drivers who take up two spaces or demonstrate other poor parking habits.

PSC alum hired as Director of Development

By Jeff Williams
Campus News Editor

Lucas Taylor is Potomac State's new Director of Development. He will work with businesses, alumni, friends of the college, and donors to the college.

Taylor seeks to raise money for the college in order to keep the facilities and teachers at high quality for Potomac State. He said it is a tough job because you deal with rejection everyday. Just like in baseball, where he used to play centerfield in the minor leagues, if a batter hits .300, he fails two-thirds of

the time.

Taylor played minor league ball for seven years at St. Louis, Atlantic City and Boston. He was living in Raleigh, N.C. when he heard of the position being created at Potomac State.

A native of Keyser and an alumnus of Potomac State, he decided to apply for the job. Being hardworking with a good work ethic, being honest and being transparent, he believes, helped him land the job.

His vision for Potomac State is for the college to grow and continue to partner with the community. He wants to create a college of philanthropy. Philanthropy means generous giving toward fellowman, and he hopes people on campus and off campus are generous with their time and resources. He sees technology as a great tool for networking and staying in touch with people.



Lucas Taylor

Les Misérables - free for PSC students

SNAPSHOTS: students in freshman journalism class

Shifts from big city to small town

By Nick Cummings
Staff Writer

Life in South Jersey was pretty busy for PSC freshman Tyler Lubrant. He came from a school that had almost 4,000 people, and he was a championship winning hockey player. Now he has changed in venue to a small town in West Virginia where barely 5,000 people live and nobody is into hockey.

He shifted from big city to small town because he wanted to follow in his parents' footsteps. Both of them studied and met at WVU. Neither one of them was a journalism major

like Tyler, but his whole family is a group of die-hard WVU fans.

"If you name any item that is blue and gold, we probably have it," explains Tyler as he describes his home back in South Jersey. An entire room in his house is specifically WVU themed with a big TV and surround sound.

After his two-year stay at PSC, Tyler plans to transfer to WVU in journalism.

As a hockey player, Tyler played in stadiums such as the Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia and where the 1980 US Olympic team played in Lake Placid, New



York. But now, he lives in a place where there isn't even a Wawa gas station nearby. Now, Tyler is experiencing some culture shock, but is looking to a bright future.

Nikol ready for ESPN

By Dylan Nelson
Staff Writer

Nikol Bouknight is a freshman from Washington, D.C.

In high school, she competed in track and cheerleading. She was an anchor for her school's news team and was involved with the school paper.

For the future, "You'll see me on ESPN Sports Center."

In her free time, she enjoys singing, writing, and dancing. Her favorite musicians are Beyoncé and Eminem. She enjoys Disney movies. One of her favorites is *The Little Mermaid* because it shows "being different isn't bad and to accept ourselves for who you are because people will do the same."

Her ideal date would consist



of numerous things such as go-kart racing, paintballing, roller-skating, bungee jumping, or playing dress up with her date. She would end her night at either her house or her date's to enjoy junk food and a movie.

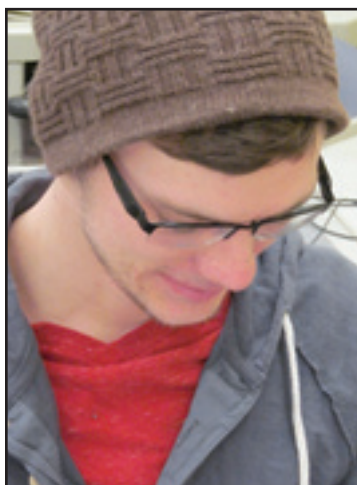
Hopes to find my path in life

By John Benjamin
Staff Writer

Jonathan Smith, 20, looks forward to continuing his college career.

"I came to college to find myself and be a better person," said Jonathan. "The teachers here are so more lively than they were in high school."

In 2012, Jonathan received his GED from Garnet Technical Center. After that, Jonathan spent months searching for a job. He finally landed one at Chick-Fil-A. "Six, 12-hour shifts got old," he said.



"To come to college is to open a door and find 100 more doors to the future

when you open it."

Jonathan is from St. Albans, W. Va., near the state capital, Charleston. He is the third child of three children. He has a brother Josiah, 24, and a sister Jessica, 28.

Jonathan, in his second semester, found out that he likes writing in addition to being a multi-instrumentalist: guitar, bass, piano, drums, violin and banjo.

"My hope in college is to find my path in life and pursue it."

Listens to Kanye West

By Christian Hudson
Staff Writer

Freshman Isaac Frerebee said, "Music makes me who I am. I can express myself without actually talking, because sometimes it's better to just listen."

Isaac knows his music. "I listen to a Kanye West album once a day... and Lauryn Hill once a month."

Isaac has played baseball for 11 years and says "those were some of the best years of my life."

He played outfield and second base at Eleanor Roosevelt High School, which won five straight county titles.

During his baseball career he lived in PG County, Maryland, with his mother and grandmother, and con-



tinues to go back during his stay at Potomac State.

During spring break he interviewed at the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for an internship in their audio-visual department.

He said with a smile, "The interview went very well."

Passion for writing

By Travis Ferrell
Campus News Editor

For freshman Eden Getachew, her passions lie in reading and writing. Her love of writing brought her to journalism.

"Reading and writing helps to distract me from life and allows me to escape into another world," said Eden.

She said that the "beauty of the school and the size of the campus at WVU" are what brought her to choose this path in life.

Eden is a fan of field hockey where she enjoyed playing the sport at St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel, Md.

She is from Bowie, Md.,



a moderately sized suburb, 20 minutes outside of D.C.

Her parents optimistically came to America as teenagers from Ethiopia, in northwestern Africa.

Dreams of world travel

By Jordain Carson
Staff Writer

With a full-time commitment to work and dreams of traveling the world, Noelle has made it all work, while being a successful college student.

At the start of college, she was an accounting major but then switched to jour-



nalism because of the relevance of public relations. "I want to help other people manage their images."

Her motivation for going to college was her mother and the fact that not many family members furthered their education.

A busy day in the life of Noelle would be wake up, work out, shower, then go to school or work. Some of the challenges she and other student face are managing her time while working and going to school.

A stress relieving activity she enjoys is traveling. Big places like California and Australia are where she dreams to go. "I want to move to California."

CAT SPORTS

Baseball off to running start

By Ryan Minnigh
Sports Editor

The Potomac State baseball team has started off well in the 2014 campaign.

Already 23 games into their season, the Catamounts are 14-8-1.

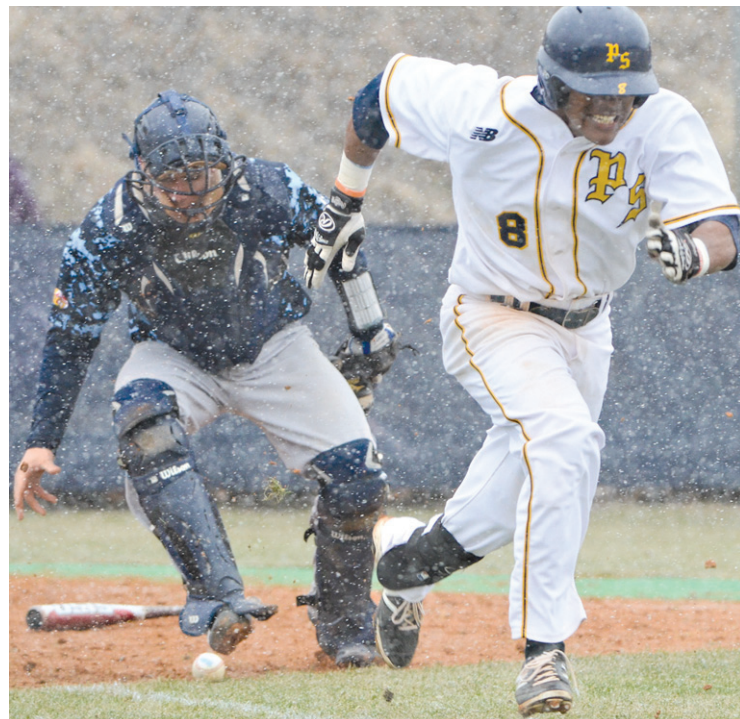
The Catamounts spent the first eight games of the season in Florence, S.C., going 4-4. In a return trip south, Potomac State impressed at the Ripken Experience in Myrtle Beach, winning four out of their five games.

The men returned home for a doubleheader on Sunday, winning the first and tying the second game.

Potomac State has since posted a 4-1 record including two doubleheader wins against Niagara CC and Shenandoah University.

Assistant Coach Don Schafer feels the team can only improve even with their hot start.

"These guys are just starting to understand success and once they get



Tre Porter hustles down the first base line after a sacrifice bunt against Harford. Raymond Burner photo

all their bats going, they'll be much tougher," said Schafer.

Schafer was also complementary of his pitchers who are almost an even mix of freshman and sophomores.

"Our freshman are going to give us big innings but our sophomores are stepping up too," said Schafer.

The team's next home games are Saturday and Sunday doubleheaders, against Mercyhurst.



Sophomore Reggie Baker was named tournament MVP of the Region XX tournament. Photo by Raymond Burner

"Standards are higher"

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Despite losing their first game, Potomac State remained in Danville for a consolation game.

The next day, Potomac State would play Carl Sandburg, from Galesburg, Ill., and were able to pull out a win in the tournament.

Led by Marcus Banks, who scored 33 points and shot 7-10 from three-point range, the Cats outlasted Carl Sandburg, 83-70.

With the win, the Catamounts ensured another game where they would take on Saint Louis CC.

Potomac State led the Archers in the second half, but could not hang on for the victory despite Derylton Hill's monster 32-point, 12-rebound game.

Coach Justin Anderson expressed how proud he was of his players, and the players expressed great pride in the opportunity to play at the national tournament.

"It's the top 16 teams in the nation, what a blessing," said freshman forward Derylton Hill. "We were all on the same mission, and now we know what we have to do to get back," said Hill.

Freshman guard Marcus Banks also feels the team is in a good position to get back next season.

"Our standards are higher now, and I can't settle for less. My goal is to win it all," said Banks. "If we work hard, we can really do this again."

Nine of Potomac State's 12 players are freshman and hope to return to the tournament again next year led by Banks and Hill.

No matter the result, Potomac State brought back a huge victory for the college. It's been nearly 40 years since their last national tournament, but the Catamounts are ready for a chance to go back-to-back.

Softball struggles early in season

By Ryan Minnigh
Sports Editor

The softball team did not get out to the hot start they were hoping for on Spring Recess.

At the Snowbird Tournament, the ladies mustered only two wins while losing their other six games.

On March 10, Lewis & Clark Community College and Delaware Technical & Community College both scored eight runs each against the Catamounts. The Catamounts only scored one run on the day against Lewis & Clark

Community College.

The next day did not bring better results as the Catamounts dropped two more games. After losing their first game 9-1 to Sauk Valley, Potomac State kept the score close against Genesee, 8-5.

Wednesday was the Catamounts redemption day. The Catamounts pulled out a close win against Rend Lake, 8-6, in their early game and dominated Beaver County 17-2.

The Catamounts could not maintain their winning

ways on their final day of games. North Iowa Area Community College shut out the Catamounts 12-0 and Sauk Valley sunk the Cats, 11-1.

After taking a week off, the women were back action Sunday against CCBC-Dundalk for a doubleheader, taking the first game, but dropping the second, bringing their season record to 3-7.

The results of the CCAC-South doubleheader on Tuesday were not available at press time.

Sophomore second baseman Meghan Anderson is optimistic despite the slow start.

"We can only get better from here. We have a lot of games left and we can improve game by game," said Anderson.

The Catamounts will be back in action again on Saturday, March 29 in Butler, Pa. against Butler. The next home game for the women will be March 30 against CCBC Catonsville at noon.

Lady Cats win WPCC

The women's basketball team won their conference again this year, defeating Westmoreland CC, 69-59, in the Western Pennsylvania Collegiate Conference championship game.

The Lady Cats advanced as the number four seed in the Region XX Tournament, but lost to Dundalk CC, ending their season at 20-6.

"This was a turnaround from last year," Head Coach Jim Walton said, commenting on the successful season.

Walton said he has a good group of freshmen returning next year and good recruits coming in.

Spring Break needs a new name

Spring break or winter break?

All winter the weather has been awful; however most students still had a glimmer of hope that spring break would be better.

But that just wasn't the case.

I knew this was going to happen from the day I looked at the calendar and saw that spring break is in winter. The first day of spring is March 20. Our last day of break was March 16. Obviously that right there should be a sign that this break shouldn't be called "spring" break.

As you can see below spring break had such beautiful weather that we actually had snow for the last day of it. So, the point in this editorial is: Why does WVU even call this break "spring" break? In reality this break is just a nice little stopping point in the middle of the semester. It is a good place for a break; I am not going to disagree with that.

But at the same time should they still call it spring break? In my opinion the break that happens March 8-16 should be called mid-semester break. That way, students don't have high expectations for the weather.

Luke McKenzie



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Our Opinions

Michael Sam makes NFL history

On February 9, 2014, Michael Sam ensured his name would not get lost in NFL history. Sam opened up to the world as a gay man. He is the first NFL prospect, or even active player, to announce his gender orientation.

In many public interviews since his announcement, Sam has expressed his desire for NFL scouts to see him as just a football player, not a gay football player. Sam was drawing attention from NFL teams anyway, based on his stellar college career at Missouri, but now the spotlight shines brighter than ever.

How will future teammates react?

Players like Chris Culliver, cornerback for the San Francisco 49ers, have made remarks in the past about how a gay player would not be welcome. Despite apologies, it's hard to erase these comments from our memories.

Sam has stressed how he will handle locker room issues on his own and will be comfortable around his teammates.

However, the biggest knock against Sam now is not his sexual orientation, but his poor combine performance in Indianapolis. His numbers at the scouting combine fell short of expectations, and this leaves scouts with a bad taste.

To prove himself worthy, Sam doesn't necessarily have to keep saying the right things; he must step up his game.

Ryan Minnigh

Call classes on dangerous days



This was the view from my windshield on the first Monday back to school after spring break.

Although all of the roads in Keyser were clear, this is what my road, only one mile from Keyser, looked like.

All Mineral County schools were cancelled for the day, so why was Potomac State only delayed until 10:40 a.m. classes?

I can understand how the college administration didn't want to cancel any more Monday classes, but I don't think they were thinking of hazardous travel for commuter students.

Just imagine: if this were what my ten-minute drive into campus looked like, how about the Route 50 drive for students who came from places like Augusta and Burlington.

Most of Monday's classes were empty anyway, so really, the day was wasted.

Luke McKenzie

Student loan exiting counseling required now

For spring 2014 semester, student loan borrowers at Potomac State who are graduating, transferring to WVU, transferring to another school, dropping below half-time status, or not returning to school are required to complete online loan exit counseling.

Students will begin receiving email notification

about exit counseling in April from WVU's loan servicer, Educational Computer Systems, Inc. (ECSI).

If exit counseling is not completed within the specified time frame, reminder postcards will be sent to the students' permanent mailing addresses.

Spring graduates who have not completed exit counseling will have a hold placed on their university records. The hold prohibits students from obtaining

transcripts or grades and from registering for classes at WVU, including Potomac State. Once exit counseling is completed, the hold is released.

Students who are not graduating but are transferring or not returning to Potomac State should contact Heather Forquer in the WVU Office of Student Accounts at Heather.Forquer@mail.wvu.edu to implement the exit counseling process.

Social injustice panel presents

By Nick Burton
Campus News Editor

On Wednesday, March 5, a group of students from the "Youth With A Mission" campaign spoke to Potomac State College students about their experiences of social injustice from all around the world.

Youth With A Mission (YWAM) is a Christian non-profit that sends teams of students to travel all around the world to bring awareness of social injustice that occurs in some people's everyday lives.

The four groups that presented their stories to students here at PSC had traveled to India, Nepal, Myanmar, Uganda, Thailand, Cambodia, and Mexico.

After their two-month journey, they travel the U.S. giving presentations of their travels at mainly churches, but also high schools and universities.

Their main goal is to educate about how severe human trafficking and forced labor really is in other countries. They do this through self-made movies, interpretive dances, monologues, and songs.

After all had talked about their own experiences and illustrated them in their unique way, they summed up their whole purpose in one simple sentence, "You can never say again you didn't know."

If interested in YWAM or just want to meet others, there are community youth hangouts 6:30 p.m. Monday night at Keyser's YWAM center located at 75 Piedmont Street. The group encouraged everyone to come to this judgement-free zone, to worship or just hang out.

Nasty computer virus strikes

By Nick Burton
Campus News Editor

Pay or your computer gets it!

Your computer held hostage until you pay a ransom? Sounds like something you would see only in the movies.

But this epidemic is real, so real that it has already infiltrated and infected three West Virginia University departments in the past year, two of which were last month.

The virus, called "CryptoLocker," seizes your computer, encrypts all of its data, and demands payment of hundreds of dollars within a certain time frame to receive the decryption key or all data will be permanently lost.

The Trojan virus is sent in ZIP files attached to emails and is designed to

target Microsoft Windows operating systems. WVU students and staff are urged not to open these files, which can potentially spread quickly to other computers and networks.

WVU IT security says if you encounter the following notification on your computer, do not panic. Immediately turn off your computer (unplug it if needed), unplug the Ethernet cable, and contact your local IT support.

If you receive a suspicious email containing a zip file, do not hesitate to forward the email to DefendYourData@mail.wvu.edu for further review.

Be smart; be observant. The PSC IT department has sent information to the campus community in hopes of keeping this virus out of Potomac State College.

Students learn at WV Legislature

By Noelle Magnuson
Staff Writer

The Frasure-Singleton Internship program makes it possible for second-year college students to observe legislative bills being made, before the public even hears about them.

The West Virginia Legislature opened its doors to college students across the state last month to witness how state senators and house members work during a legislative session.

This year Potomac State was honored to have four students chosen for the program. According to Criminal Justice Instructor Nicklaus Goff, this was an unusually high number. Typically, one or two students are accepted.

The students spent a week working hand in hand with the West Virginia Legislature in Charleston. The four PSC students attending were David Shoemaker, Seth Potts, Derek Wrathford, and Jay Buchina.

David Shoemaker said, "I was able to observe firsthand how laws are created for our state."

"The Frasure-Singleton Internship is an outstanding program for students interested in politics and or government," said Goff, who has overseen the program at PSC since his arrival in 2012.

The internship is available for sophomores and juniors who have taken at least one political science course.

OPINION

Don't outlaw e-cigs inside

By Jonathan Smith, Staff Writer

If you live or spend much time on the campus, you may have noticed a multitude of new fliers and signs everywhere. They are on tables in the Student Union, on bulletin boards in dorms, taped to walls, being blown across floors by gusts of wind, and otherwise making absolutely certain that no student could miss them.

These fliers contain a very negative message for a growing community on this campus. The purpose of these fliers is to make students aware that if they are seen smoking an electronic cigarette, or "e-cig," anywhere indoors on campus, they will be immediately documented.

E-cigs have been growing immensely in popularity over the last several months,

particularly among young adults, and have been the source of much speculation on whether or not they are healthier than actual cigarettes.

Unfortunately, there has been little to no information released for the public on the actual health effects of the product.

I spent three hours searching through the databases offered in the school's library trying to find any solid information on the subject. I waded through countless court cases and opinionated articles, but was unable to find anything grounded in science.

Everything I found on the subject differed in the "facts" from the rest of what I found.

There was, however, a single consistency throughout. All sources seem to agree that e-cigs produce no secondhand smoke.

Which brings me back to the topic at hand; why have e-cigs been banned from being used indoors on campus?

The reason that cigarettes are allowed to be smoked only in designated, outdoors areas, is that secondhand smoke has been shown to be harmful. Cigarettes produce ash, and they have a clinging offensive odor.

E-cigs produce none of these things. So I ask again, why are they suddenly forbidden indoors on our campus?

The only conclusion I can come to is one of discrimination. This act of regulation shows disapproval of the choices of those who choose to smoke e-cigs. It says, "I don't like what you're doing and you have to go sit in the corner (outside) to do it."

But my choice to do something that affects only me is exclusively my business. If my choice to habitually do something potentially harmful doesn't harm anyone else, regulating my ability to do it is an encroachment on my freedom.

The college should rethink the new electronic cigarette policy.



Les Misérables

Remaining show dates are this week: Thursday-Sunday.
Performances are free with student ID or \$ 15 at door for non-PSC students.



Top left: Jordan Kline as Jean Valjean; Kimberli Rowley and Ernie Poland as Thenardier and Madame, with cast; Clare Cooper on cello; Sonya Ooghe as Fantine; Molly Twigg as Young Cosette; Kim Rowley as Madame Thenardier with Young Cosette; Craig Schutz, Brian Plitnik, and director Tom Valentine



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